

CORDOVA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

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CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Jewell called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm in the Cordova Jr./Sr. High School Media Center. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Members Present: Ms. Jewell, Ms. Glasen and Mr. Bradford

Members via telephone: None

Members Absent: Ms. Altermott and Mr. Hoepfner

Quorum: Established

Staff Present: Superintendent Alex Russin, Business Manager Kristy Andrew, Principal Kate Williams, Principal Gayle Groff, Technology Director Keith Zamudio, and Secretary Nora Dudley

Staff Absent: Food Service Director Ms. Sandie Ponte and Maintenance Director Josh Pearson

City Council Rep: None

Student Council Rep: None

CEA Rep: Lance Westing

Visitors: Lynette and Nate DeCook, Theresa Stavig, and Becky Chapek

PRESENTATIONS OR AWARDS/CERTIFICATES: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

HEARINGS OF INVITED INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS (Limited to 15 minutes per Individual/Group): None

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Ms. Glasen moved to approve the August 28, 2018 regular meeting agenda as presented in the Board Packet. Mr. Bradford seconded.

Discussion: None

Motion PASSED 3-0

AUDIENCE COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS: None

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Glasen moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented in the Board Packet. Mr. Bradford seconded.

Discussion: None

Motion PASSED 3-0

REPORTS

Student Council: None

City Council: None

Cordova Education Association: Mr. Lance Westing welcomed the Board back into session and included that Laura Hansen and he would continue to be the Co-Presidents of the Association.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: No reports from summer months

AASB Liaison: (Mr. Hoepfner)

Jr./Sr. High Site Council: (Ms. Altermott)

Elementary Site Council: (Ms. Glasen)

Curriculum Committee: (Ms. Jewell & Ms. Glasen)

Policy Committee: (Ms. Altermott & Mr. Hoepfner)

Safety and Facility Committee: (Mr. Bradford & Mr. Hoepfner)

Strategic Planning Committee: (Ms. Jewell & Ms. Altermott)

Negotiations: (Ms. Jewell & Mr. Hoepfner)

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mt. Eccles Elementary School-Ms. Groff, Principal

- Ms. Groff provided a written report which was included in the Board Packet. She explained that a second session was added to pre-school since student numbers had increased. Ms. Groff included the purpose of pre-school is to one: serve our special needs kids from ages 3-5 and two: to provide Kindergarten readiness. Ms. Jewell asked how tuition cost was decided. Ms. Groff mentioned that she researched pre-school programs in town in addition to determining the costs to cover an additional pre-school aide. She shared that the cost of tuition was less than other providers in town.

Jr./Sr. High School-Ms. Williams, Principal

- Ms. Williams provided a written report which was included in the Board Packet. She reported the school had lots of positive energy, there was a successful 7th grade orientation and back to school night, and that this year 7th graders, seniors and juniors all had big groups. Ms. Williams added that Wednesday classes would be very interesting since the school was offering new courses, and both students and staff were looking forward to these new changes.

Technology Report-Mr. Zamudio

- Mr. Zamudio provided a report which was included in the Board Packet and had nothing further to add. Ms. Jewell asked how first week of school went. Mr. Zamudio responded that it was a busy week with computer challenges, but otherwise all went well.

Maintenance Report-Mr. Pearson

- Mr. Pearson was not present, but a written report was included in the Board Packet. Mr. Russin provided a brief update on the CHS gym floor, which included a finish date of September 16th. He also added that Mr. Pearson would be working with the City to have a formal inspection of each building so that it was documented and the City was aware of the needs. September 17th the City would be hosting an Emergency Management Workshop which Mr. Pearson will be attending.

Food Service Report-Ms. Ponte

- Ms. Ponte was not present, but a written report was included in the Board Packet. There was nothing else to add.

Business Department Report- Ms. Andrew

- Ms. Andrew included a written report in the Board Packet. She included a supplemental handout to her report which provided historic revenue and expenses for the food service program.

Superintendent Report-Mr. Russin

- Mr. Russin included a written report in the Board Packet. No substantive additions were made to the report.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Ms. Andrew included the July 2018 Financials in the Board Packet. She answered several questions from Board Members regarding the CHSSA accounts (history, function, purpose) and general expenditures.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- 2018 AASB Fall Boardsmanship Academy Draft Agenda
- CHS Gym Survey Results

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. CSD School Discipline Philosophy

Discussion: Ms. Jewell asked to have this item on the agenda as a new school year was beginning. She shared that a review of some of the policies should reflect Cordova's current needs and a supportive learning environment and positive school culture. Additional discussion by the Board included the importance of practices within the District align with policy and that if policy needed to be revised to better meet more appropriate practices, then steps should be taken to do so. Consideration by the Administration to share monthly reports to the Board regarding discipline instances and types was also offered. Mr. Russin stated that this was possible.

2. Cordova Jr/Sr High School Activities Handbook

Mr. Bradford moved to approve the Cordova Jr/Sr High School Activities Handbook as presented in the Board Packet. Ms. Glasen seconded.

Discussion: Mr. Russin explained that there were not many revisions and that the handbook primarily were based on the ASAA regulations.

Motion: **PASSED 3-0**

3. School Climate and Connectedness Survey

Discussion: Mr. Russin provided a brief overview regarding this survey. The cost to the district is \$3,740 dollars with the addition of the parent component of the survey. Funding sources could include the general fund and the Title I-A grant of which 15% needs to be allocated towards specifically meeting the needs of non-SPED students; this survey would help to identify some of those needs.

4. Curriculum Review

Discussion: Mr. Russin explained that last year's curriculum review considered textbook resources in science and social studies. He included that there were no recommendations to the Board as resources seemed to meet current needs. He added that the Administrative Team had been working on identifying components of curriculum that should be part of the review process, including learning objectives and resources. The Board expressed its concern over the review process and the lack of information it had been provided by the Administration. Ms. Glasen shared the importance of the Board being part of the review process and asked the Superintendent to keep the Board updated and informed in moving forward throughout the process.

5. 2019 AASB Resolutions

Discussion: Ms. Jewell noted that there was a link in the packet where board members could look at the resolutions being proposed. She encouraged the board to review and consider whether CSD Board had

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additions to existing resolutions or thoughts for putting forth particular resolutions from Cordova.

6. School Board Self-Evaluation and Goal Setting Process

Discussion: Ms. Jewell shared several difficulties in setting a date that would work with the Board and facilitator. Discussion among the Board concluded with settling on Saturday, September 8 at the Pioneer Igloo to complete the self-evaluation and goal setting process.

7. MAP Data Report Spring 2018

Mt. Eccles Data Report: Ms. Groff provided an overview of the data report from Spring 2018. She included that teachers and administrators look at this data not only to see growth in each grade/student, but also to see the learning trends over the years. She added that the type of data gained in the reports is likely more useful for teachers in the elementary school than for teachers in the jr/sr high school, for example.

CHS MAP Data Report: Ms. Williams reported that there was generally not 100% participation in MAP testing at the jr/sr high school and that more parents had been opting their kids out of this test in recent years. At the high school level, some students do not see the relevance of this type of tests, as their focus was more on PSAT, SAT, and ACT tests. She included that perhaps an option such as SAT, PSAT and other nationally known tests would be a more relevant option for high school students. Mr. Russin added that the Administration could begin looking at assessment requirements and better-suited options for our students.

8. FY18 Budget Revision Request

Ms. Glasen moved to approve the FY18 Budget Revision Request as presented in the Board Packet. Mr. Bradford seconded.

Discussion: Ms. Jewell asked if food service would need a budget revision. Ms. Andrew answered no, only the balance to cover the costs of the music program, as presented, needed revision.

Motion: **PASSED 3-0**

CONTRACTS/MEMORANDUMS OF AGREEMENTS: None

PERSONNEL: None

MISCELLANEOUS: None

PENDING AGENDA

- Board and Superintendent Check-in
- Workshop Discipline Policy- September 4, 2018 from 4-8pm at the District Office Conference Room

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

- Lynette DeCook addressed the Board with concerns over the bullying behavior experienced by one of her children in recent years and the negative impact it has had on her school experience, confidence, and self-worth. She shared a notebook with several drawings done by her daughter that illustrated how she felt about herself based on how she had been treated at school. Ms. DeCook shared that no student should have these experiences, particularly in school, and that she wanted to bring her concern to the attention of the Board so that efforts could be made at addressing this problem. Ms. Becky Chapek supported Ms. DeCook's statements and urged the Board to take a serious look at its policies and practices that address student behavior in order to build and maintain positive learning environments for our students. The Board expressed its concerns and empathized over Ms. DeCook's daughter's experiences. The Board added that it was looking at its policies regarding discipline and practices that would provide a positive learning

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environment for all students.

- Ms. Theresa Stavig shared her thoughts on school climate and how it had changed over time in the Cordova School District. She spoke of some of her experiences with student discipline as a teacher and as a substitute. She, too, encouraged the Board to look at its policies and to get community involvement in the discipline conversation. Ms. Stavig also spoke to some of the history of student CHSSA accounts in the District and how they came about.

BOARD COMMENTS

- Ms. Glasen: Thanked all of the visitors for attending and sharing their experience. She expressed the urgency of looking into the disciplinary policies to avoid unfortunate circumstances and situations in the future.
- Mr. Bradford: Echoed Ms. Glasen's comments and was looking forward to the upcoming discipline policy review and solutions.
- Ms. Jewell: Thanked all the visitors for attending and sharing their experience. She also included that addressing this issue at the beginning of the year was the best option to ensure administration and staff could put these policies into practice early on.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Glasen moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bradford seconded.

Discussion: None

Motion PASSED 3-0

Meeting Adjourned at 9:39 pm

ATTEST

President

Clerk

Date

Date